Year 9 English Meeting

Tuesday 22nd May, 2012 Library 3.30pm-4.30pm

Present: SED, GRA, ALT, SIS

Apologies:

Absent: KEL, DIT

1. We’re all up to writing the persuasive piece and will then move onto oral presentations to finish off the semester. Once reports are done, we’ll start with pre-reading activities on *Deadly Unna?* and then get the students to read the novel over the holidays.
2. We talked briefly about the timeline, focussing on the exam at the end of the year. We thought we’d find a new issue for the persuasive writing part of the exam and we’ll need to prepare essay topics for both texts, too.
3. The last item Alice wanted us to discuss was a wish list for English. We came up with the following list:

* Science fiction-short stories (ALT has done *Journey to the Centre of the Earth*, *20 000 Leagues Under the Sea* and *War of the Worlds* in the past)
* Conspiracy theories
* Pirates (travel brochures?), vampires, aliens
* Archetypes across literature over time
* Poetry/song lyrics
* Movie sets…script writing
* *Jaws* and *The Simpsons* (Sonja has enjoyed teaching these texts in the past)
* Historical fiction
* Non-fiction
* Instructional writing involving creating a board game and having to write the instructions clearly
* A focus on good descriptive writing using examples from authors such as Margaret Atwood and Marcus Zuzak
* A focus on basic skills in junior levels, such as sentence structure and paragraph structure
* Role play/reading plays